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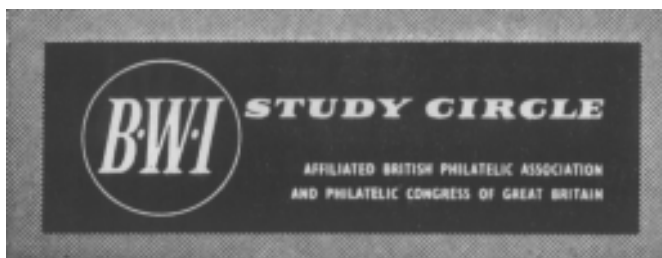
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### AUTUMN MEETING

This will be held in the meeting room of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, at 41 Devonshire Place, W.1. on **Saturday, 31st October at 3.0 p.m.**

Members are reminded that visitors are very welcome.

## ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The 10th Anniversary Meeting was held at 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, April 18th, 1964, at 3 p.m., and was attended by 15 members and one visitor.

The Chairman, Commander G. Bridgmore Brown, R.N.R. (RET.), warmly welcomed those present. The Hon. Secretary reported that he had received apologies for absence from the President, Mr. G. W. Collett, who sent his best wishes for a successful gathering; from Miss Rose Titford and Mr. K. J. Robertson.

The meeting stood for a few moments in silence in memory of Dr. R. H. Urwick, Vice-President, who died on 27th February, 1964. The Hon. Secretary reported that the Circle was represented at the funeral by Mr. A. E. Beach.

The report of the Anniversary Meeting held on March 9th, 1963, as published in the Bulletin (No. 38, July, 1963), was confirmed without being read.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. P. T. Saunders, presented his report on the work of the Circle during the past year and the accounts for 1963. The Circle had also lost by death two other members during the previous twelve months, Messrs. G. A. Edmunds and R. A. Murtens. There had been four resignations and another member had dropped out. The Hon. Secretary, referred to the tardiness of many members in paying their subscriptions and said that when he sent out the notification of his change of address at the beginning of April, 1964, no less than 95 members were reminded of their outstanding subscriptions. In the intervening fortnight since, 41 members had paid up, but 54 were still in arrear, though these were mostly overseas members. It was agreed that a reminder slip should be inserted in the Bulletin to be issued after subscriptions are due. The great advantage, both to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer and to members, of using a banker's order was emphasized.

**Accounts.** In regard to the accounts, the Hon. Secretary said that when writing on another matter, a Scottish member had remarked about the subsidy on the Annual Dinner paid by Scottish members. It was pointed out that the subsidy was borne by all members not only those in Scotland, that it could be avoided, or at least considerably reduced, if more members attended the Annual Dinner and that the Dinner itself was regarded as an excellent advertisement for the Circle.

The meeting then proceeded to discuss various points about the Dinner:



- (a) should it in future be held every other year instead of annually.
- (b) should the time be earlier than at present (7 for 7.15 p.m.) to enable those living a distance from London to stay to the end.
- (c) how to avoid the surcharge of 2s. 6d, on each diner when the number was less than 50.
- (d) whether the cost of tickets should be increased.

Eventually, it was decided to allow the existing arrangements to continue for another year, Mr. E. V. Toeg kindly undertaking to "chivy" up London members to attend.

The Hon. Secretary, turning again to the accounts, said it would be seen that the cost of the Bulletin had gone up. The Editor explained that the increase was due to the greater number of illustrations now being published. He suggested that if members felt it desirable, the cost of these illustrations could perhaps be charged to the Publications Account as a number of them would eventually be used for the Circle's publications. At the suggestion of the Chairman, however, it was agreed that the charge should remain on the general funds.

**Displays in Scotland.** The main point of the letter from the Scottish member mentioned earlier in the meeting was the lack of Circle meetings in Scotland and the opportunity to see displays from other members of the Circle. The meeting felt that it could only be left to members in any locality to decide whether they wished to, or could, organise a meeting among themselves occasionally. Material for display could be loaned by London members, or, alternatively, one or two London members might be available to travel to such meetings to give displays, provided some hospitality could be given locally. The Hon. Secretary thought that in such circumstances the cost of the visitor's travelling expenses could be charged to Circle funds. It was agreed to reply to the Scottish member on these lines.

**Library Report.** Apologising for not being able to present her report in person, Miss Rose Titford, Hon. Librarian, said that members were now making good use of the Library. Additions were made from time to time of both old and new publications.

**Bulletin.** The Editor reported that the Bulletin just about got through each quarter by 'scraping the barrel' for contributions and he appealed once again for more articles and queries to be sent in. He suggested that research leaders might very well send in some of their queries.

**Publications Sub-Committee.** The Chairman (Commander G. Bridgmore Brown) reported that as a result of a meeting of the Sub-Committee that morning, there was a good prospect that a book on "Montserrat" by Mr. L. E. Britnor would be ready for publication in the autumn. It would follow the lines of the volumes already published by the Circle.

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Mr. A. J. Branston, having indicated to the Sub-committee that some half-a-dozen short articles or chapters on Bahamas might be made ready by the end of the year, it was the Sub-Committee's intention to invite him to submit these by January 1st, 1965, for their consideration. The Hon. Secretary suggested that it would be worthwhile to advertise the new publication in the Philatelic Press well in advance of the publication date, and, at the same time, mentioning the earlier works still available.

**Elections.** To fill the vacancy for Vice-President caused by the death of Dr. Urwick, two names were put forward. Mr. W. A. Townsend was proposed by the Hon. Secretary and seconded by Mr. E. V. Toeg, and Mr. G. W. Groves was proposed by Mr. E. Shields Forshaw and seconded by Mr. B. B. Benwell. The question then having been raised, the Hon. Secretary confirmed that there was nothing in the rules of the Circle to restrict the number of Vice-Presidents. Mr. A. E. Beach then proposed, and Mr. R. H. Austin seconded, that the number should be increased to three. This was agreed and there being no other nominations the Chairman declared Messrs. Townsend and Groves elected.

Commander G. Bridgmore Brown was re-elected Chairman, but announced that he intended to retire in 1965,

The Committee, with the substitution of Mr. A. E. Beach for Mr. G. W. Groves, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. E. Shields Forshaw, seconded by Mr. G. W. Groves,

There being no other nominations, all the other officers and the Hon. Auditor were re-elected.

**Delegates to the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain.** The Hon. Secretary reported that as nominations had perforce to be sent in a month prior to the meeting, he had nominated Messrs. Branston, Groves and Toeg as the Circle's delegates to the 46th Congress to be held at Bournemouth from May 26th to 29th, 1964. The meeting confirmed his action. Mr. Toeg stated that he would not be able to attend, but it was felt to be too late to appoint another delegate.

**Other Business.** The Hon. Secretary reported that he had received a letter from Mr. B. E. Johnson, the Research Leader for GRENADA from which it appeared that the GRENADA notebook was missing. It was agreed that a suitable note should be put in the next Bulletin.

The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman by Mr. E. Shields Forshaw.

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After the tea interval, the following items were displayed:

**Mr. J. B. Marriott** first said that he had got together a number of notes on the postal rates of TRINIDAD over the years, but would be very glad if anyone could add any further information. The period round about 1880 was a very difficult one as it was hard to find examples. He showed three covers of the period from TRINIDAD, giving examples of the 4d. rate, the first to Halifax, N.S., the second to France (the rate to France via Great Britain being 4d.) and the third, also to Halifax, N.S., a registered letter bearing a 2d. registration free, in addition to the 4d. rate. He mentioned that there was doubt about when registration started and when the rate was changed to 4d. The fourth cover shown was one of 1863 to Penang (ex-Burrus collection) showing a 1s. 11d. rate.

**Mr. G. W. Groves:** A cover bearing current U.S. adhesives with the machine cancellation "U.S.A.P.O. 806/ANTIGUA B.W.I." and dated Oct. 21. 1941. Also applied to the cover was the boxed handstamp "CENSORED/U.S.A.P.O. 806 /BY ....." Mr. L. E. Britnor: Early letter from BARBADOS dated 1657 and a copy of the offer for sale in 1891 of the remainders of the several Leeward Islands Colonies' stamps which had been withdrawn on the introduction of the unified issue.

**Mr. A. H. Latham:** Jamaica covers with "Free" marks, including an "Official Free" of 1954, one of 1914 franked "On Post Office Business" and of September 23rd, 1933, franked "G. Vernon's Storm Relief Committee Free."

**Mr. E. V. Toeg:** Examples of the A91 (Virgin Is.) cancellation on all values of the Leeward Islands Queen Victoria issue up to and including the 7d. and some later Edwardian stamps. Two covers postmarked "ANEGADA British Virgin Is., Aug. 21" (the year not being given), with King George VI adhesives, and backstamped "Passed by Censor."

G.W.G.

## NOTES AND QUERIES

Supply of material for future issues of the Bulletin is very short and I am in urgent need of more articles. I should also like to remind members again that I would appreciate receipt of copy not later than six weeks prior to publication. Members who require urgent replies to their queries should address their letters to the Hon. Secretary, who will endeavour to answer by return of post.

*Editor.*

## ANTIGUA

I have recently acquired a copy of the G.B. 6d. of 1856, cancelled A02 with watermark emblems inverted. Is this item relatively scarce or common in this condition. One sheet at least must have gone to the Colony. Can any member inform me of the quantities of the G.B. stamps dispatched for use in Antigua?

*E. Baynes.*

## BAHAMAS

### **A Rare Bahamas "Landfall" Variety Full Stop after "Columbus"**

At the time of issue of the "Landfall of Columbus" series of the Bahamas, in October, 1942, it was noticed that there was a very obvious variety on Stamp No. 24 of the 3s. value. This variety took the form of a "Full Stop" after the word "Columbus," and as Stamp 24 was the last stamp in the second row, the variety appeared best in a top right-hand block of four.

The first report of the variety was by a Mr. M. Waloff, who reported that in many of the sheets this stamp had been removed by the Post Office authorities who had presumably noticed the variety. The "Full Stop" occurred on sheets printed on cream-tinted paper with brown gum, which was part of the original stock of this value in the colony at the time of the overprint. There was no sign of the variety on the 2s. value. Later "Sapere Aude" confirmed the variety, and for the first time gave the correct position on the sheet, stating that he had two corner blocks of four, both with the "Full Stop" after stamp 24. Shortly afterwards it was reported that sheets of the 3s. value no longer contained the variety, and it is clear that both the Post Office (by removing the stamp from the sheet) and the printer (by correcting the type) had taken immediate steps to correct the mistake.

It was some ten years before I succeeded in seeing this variety, and then two corner blocks of the 3s. value came into my possession, both with the "Full Stop" and bearing the sheet serial numbers 523 and 524 in the top right-hand corner. Examination soon revealed that the variety was of greater interest than the host of other Landfall varieties, because, while most of them were the result of broken letters or of dirt adhering to the printing plate, this variety appeared to be due to a normal round "Full Stop" which was impressed into the paper to the same degree as the rest of the type.

Some years later a collector reported having found an example of the "Full Stop" variety on the 2s. value. I was sceptical, but when I examined it I was able to confirm, by means of certain other minor flaws in the type, that it was indeed a genuine example of the variety. I was very pleased to be able to acquire this stamp, which remains the only recorded example of the variety on the 2s. value.

Last year, in an auction lot, a further block of the 3s. value came to hand, identical in all respects with the others and bearing the sheet serial number 518 above stamp 12. To the right of this a previous owner has written in pencil the number 521, which suggests that he had confirmed the constancy of the variety on a sheet bearing that number. These serial numbers suggest that the variety could be found on a run of sheets around number 520, while the scarcity of the 2s. value suggests that the variety was noticed and corrected just as that value was being overprinted.

It would be interesting to know how many examples still survive. My own estimate is that there are less than ten, for I have never seen this variety offered for sale, nor do I know of any examples other than my own.

*H. Moreton Black.*

Two new post offices have been recently opened on Acklins Island, at BINNACLE HILL and SALINA POINT. Established November 1, 1963, both used a TRD during the month, being replaced early in December with 30mm, steel die c.d.s.

MACKEY STREET, FREEPORT and WEST END are all now using new machine-cancellers, due to large mail volumes.

A new stamp will be issued during 1964 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first undersea motion pictures, marking as well the 25th anniversary of the opening of SEA FLOOR post office.

*Gale J. Raymond.*

## **BERMUDA**

### **PERFORATIONS ON THE SHIP TYPE ISSUES, 1910-36**

In the chapter dealing with the Ship Type stamps in my book on Bermuda, I listed the different gauges of perforations to be found on each value, both comb and single line. Readers will have noticed that three gauges of comb

## BERMUDA (contd.)

perforations were used: 13.7 x 13.9, 13.8 x 13.9 and 13.9 both ways, all of them generally listed as 14 in the catalogues. With comb perforations three sheet margins remain imperforate, the fourth being perforated to complete the final side of the last row of stamps. Normally on the Ship Type stamps the perforations cross the top margins indicating that the sheets were inserted bottom first in the perforating machine. However, on the ½d., ld., Plates I and II (MCA only), 2½d. MCA and 2½d. ultramarine Script some sheets were inverted, resulting in the top margins being imperforate and the bottom margin perforated, and these seem to be fairly uncommon.

In the line perforations five different gauges were used, one, 14 x 14.1 on part of one printing of the ½d. MCA, and the other four on the Script stamps. In addition, a number of sub-types are found, varying in the number of pins in the line, as is shown by the different numbers of holes appearing in the sheet margins. In general, though, there are some exceptions, the gauge used in the early 1920's seems to have been 14 all round, followed by 13.75 in about 1926, 13.75 x 14 or 14 x 13.75 by the late 1920's, reverting to 13.75 in the early 1930's and to 13.75 x 14 for the final printings of certain values,

Among the sheets and marginal blocks in my collection there is a wide selection of sub-types with different numbers of holes in the margins, and it is very probable that others exist. The following table lists all those known to me. On the ½d. MCA line perf, 14 x 14.1 the perforations cross all four margins.

LINE PERFORATIONS ON THE MULTIPLE CROWN AND SCRIPT  
CA STAMPS

Denom.	Gauge	No. holes in sheet margin				Approx. Date
		Top	Bottom	Left	Right	
¼d.	13.75	Perf.	Perf.	Perf.	Perf.	1928
	13.75	2-5	2-5	3-4	3-4	1934
½d	13.75 x 14	Perf.	Perf.	4-5	4-5	1928
	13.75	3-4	3-4	1-2	1-2	1934
1d	13.75	3-4	3-4	4	4	1926
Pl.III	13.75 x 14	Perf.	Perf.	4	4	1927
1d	13.75	Perf.	Perf.	Perf.	Perf.	1928?
Pl.IV	13.75	2-3	2-3	2-3	2-3	
	14 x 13.75	1-2	1-2	Perf.	Perf.	1930?
	13.75	2	3	1	1	1934
1½d	13.75	2-3	5-6	1-2	3-4	1934
	13.75 x 14	3-4	5-6	1-2	3-4	1935
2d.	13.75 x 14	Perf.	Perf.	2	Perf.	1929?
	13.75	3	3	Perf.	2	
	13.75	4	5	1	Perf.	1935?
2½d. green	14	Perf.	Perf.	1-2		1923
2½d.ultram.Pl.I	13.75	3-5	3-5	3-4	4-5	1928
2½d. Pl.II	13.75	Perf.	5	5	8	1932
	13.75	2-3	3-4	1-2	2-3	1933?
	13.75 x 14	Perf.	Perf.	2	1-2	1935

# BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE

## LIST OF MEMBERS 1964

KEY. - Names of colonies are given in a three-letter code, consisting in most cases of the first three letters of the name. "All" means all the colonies within the Circle's field of study. Meaning of symbols:-

C Cancellations and postal markings; D deals in material specified; M Mint **only**; PH Postal history or pre-adhesive material; PS Postal stationery; U Used **only**; x Except. \* Specialised collection, i.e., a collection including Postal history, Proofs, Specimens, Cancellations, Postal stationery, etc., unless otherwise indicated. The absence of this sign indicates a 'straight' collection of adhesives and catalogued varieties, † Overseas Member.

EXAMPLES.- "ANT, BAR & C" in col. 2 with "CAY" in col. 3 means the Member has straight collections of ANTIGUA and BARBADOS with the Cancellations of these colonies; as a secondary interest he also collects CAYMANS. "CAY: KGVI, M" would mean that his CAYMANS are limited to stamps of King George VI and only Mint.

"StL\*, StV\*, xPS" followed by "C of All xBrG, xBrH" means the Member has specialised collections (as defined above) of St. LUCIA and St. VINCENT but excluding Postal stationery; he also collects Cancellations of all colonies within the Circle's field except Br. Guiana and Br. Honduras.

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
† Adelson, E. M.	BAH	
† Aguilar, E. F.	D all	
Austin, R. H.	BAH*	BAR, BER, GRE, JAM, StK, StL, TRI
Baker, A. H.	DOM* GRE*	
Bampton, J. B.	BAH, BAR	
Barnard, C. R.		
Bartlett, C. D.	BER* xPH	
† Bartlett, Edmund	All & C	
† Bayley, Colin H.	BAR*	All xBrH
Baynes, Eric	Most & C	
Beach, A. E.	TOB*	ANT, BAR, BrG, DOM, LEE, StK, StL, TRT to 1902
Benwell, B. B.	BAR*	
† Berridge, J. M.	All	
Bessemmer, H. D.	StV*, xPS	
Bishop, C. W.	JAM*	
Black, H. Moreton	BAH*	BAR from 1892
Blackburn, Dr. R. H.	JAM*	
Blease, H. F. H.	BAH*	
Boardman, J. H.	CAY, JAM, TUR	
Bodily, R.	D all	
† Box, H. E.		
Boydell, D. W.	Commem Issues	
Branson, A. J.	BAH*	
† Brassler, Norman	All* xPH, xPS, on cover	
Britnor, L. E.	BAR* xPS	PH & C of All xBrG, xBrH
Brown, G. Bridgmore	BER*	All C of BAR, StV
Brown, Dr. H. Vivian	DOM*	C of GRE, C & PS of ANT, StK, StL
Burdett, A. E.		
† Butler, W.	LEE	
Butt, D.G.	HER* xPh	C of BAR. JAM. TRI

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
Calnan, N.	All & C	
†Cameron, Byron R.	JAM*	CAY, TUR
†Campe, G. C.	CAY*	
Challis, J. J.	TUR*	
†Chalmers, J. F.		
†Churchill, Jordan C.	BAH* CAY* JAM*	
†Clapp, J. A. W., M.D.		
Coasby, L. R.	BAH* GRE	All xBER, xBrG, xBrH
Collett, G. W.	JAM*	All
Collins, F. W.	D All	
Colvin, J. H.	LEE & C	
†Cornell, W. G	ANT	All
Courtney, L. A	* JAM*	PH & C of all
†Creed, E. G.	StV*	BAR, BER
Crow, W. H. H.	JAM*	C of all
avis, F. L.	LEE* xPH	
de Burca, Dr. B.	StL*	LEE & VIR: U. C. of ANT, BAR, Br0, JAM
†Devaux, Robert J.	StL*	All
†Dickason, L. T.		
Dickson, Ian W. D.	StL, StB & C	
Donne, C. E.	VIR* xPS	
†Dorn, P. A.		
†Dumin, Stanley C.	LEE* C	
†Eckhardt, H. T.	GVI & QEII	
†Eden, O. K.	JAM*	
Elliott, A. T.	JAM* from 1912	
Ellis, Major W. F.	CAY, StV, StL	
†Ericson, Edwin M.	JAM*	
Fielding, J. D.	ANT, JAM	
Forshaw, E. Shields	BrG* xPS	
†Frederick, J. L.	VIR* to 1900	
†Freeman, F. G.	JAM* xPS	All
†Frishmuth, R. B.	All (M)	
Frost, T. W.	TRI" from 1913	
Garrard, Dr. N.	BAH*	All xBrG, xStV
†Gaston, H. J.	JAM*	
†Gavelek, J. S.	BAH, BAR, BER	
Gibson, A.	WIN IS* JAM*	
Giffin, W. L.	All	
Gilbert, J. H. O.	D (Auct) all	
Green, Mrs. A.	BER from 1937 & C	JAM from 1937 & C
†Griffith, Mrs. M. A.	BAR*	
†Grinevicius, A.		
†Griswold, Dr. Arthur S.	BrG* BAH* GRE* C of all	C of Gambia, Mauritius, Seychelles, Br. Australasia and India used abroad
†Group, Ralph E.	BrG, BrH, C	
Groves, G. W.	ANT* StV*	BAR, DOM, ORE, LEE, MON, StC, StK, StL
†Hall, A. Ronald		
†Harris, Dr. Forest D.	BAR*	
Harriss, Col. O. M.	BAH, BAR, BER, JAM to 1952 & PH & C	
Heap, J. L.	BrG* xPH	
Heathcote, Dr. H. J.	StV* xPS	DOM* TOB* xPS
Henstock, H. E.	All	
Herbert, J. A. C.	CAY*	
Hershman, A. A.	JAM; T.r.d*	
Hershman, R. E.	BAR*	
Hillman, A. J.	All (C)	
Hire, C. B. A.	ANT* BAR*	
Hoey, S. Graham	BAH*	
Howe, F. G.	PH, C & PS of BrG	
Huggins, W.		
†Hunt, E. H.		
Irving, W.	All	
†Ishibara, M.	All	
†Jaffe, Peter	StV*	GRE to 1901, PH of LEE StL. C of BAR, BrG
†Johnson, A. N.	JAM*	BrH DOM, GRE
Johnson, Bryan E.	GRE*	CAY, TUR



NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
Johnson, F. M.	All, particularly PH	
†Johnstone, Gene N.	Modern C of all	
Jones, A. L.	All after 1953	
Jones, C. E. R.	BER	
†Jones, R.	GRE*	
Kimber, H. E.	StL, StV	
†Kitchen, Dr. Paul F.	CAY from 1937	
†Larkin, R. H.	GRE & C	
†Larsen, P. A.	LEE	
Latham, A. H.	JAM, BAR & C	
†Law, J.		
Lea, W. E.	All	
Lee, R. A. O.	CAY*	
Leverson, A. B.	BAH, BAR, BrO, StV, VIR	
Lickfold, E. K.	StV	
Lisle, F. B.	BAR, BER, BrG, TRI & C	
Loach, J. C.	TRI» xPS	BAR, GRE, StV
†Lockie, Dr. J. M.	CAY & C	LEE, StL & C, StK, TUR from 1900. Others from 1912
Lowe, Robson	BAH: Chalon Heads	
†Ludington, M. H.	BER*	PH & C of BAH,
Lyons, Mrs. S.	TRI	TUR & PH
Macmillan, H. B.	JAM* xPS	BAR, JAM
MCaughey, D.	CAY	All
McFarlane, J. R.	ANT	
†Malin, L. R.	BER, BrO, JAM, TUR	
Manners, G. S.	D all	
Manning, K. J. A. O.	ANT* DOM* MON* StK* VIR* xPS to 1935	All to 1936 x JAM, StV
Marriott, John B.	TRI* to 1910	
Marshall, L. M. W.	ANT* xPS	GRE* LEE* StV* xPS BER
†Mata, J. F.	TOB* TRI	All
Messenger, J. L.	GRE* StV*	All
Metcalfe, R. W.	JAM & C & PS	
†Miner, Harold C.	BAH*	All xStL, xTUR
Mitohell, Hooton	BAR* TRI* xPS	
Mitchell, Dr. T. J.	BER	
Murray, Col. A.	PH, C, etc., of all	
Nabarro, F. J. N.	DOM* to 1935	
Neale, H. A.	KGv only	
†Newns-Smith, R.	All M & U	
†O'Connor, Harvey	JAM*	All
Osborn, G. A.	BER* to 1901	GRE* to 1901
Oxley, H. M.	GRE	
Parker, C. Angus	D all, specially PH, C, Ps, Covers, Proofs, Specimens etc	
Partridge, R. F.	GRE & C	
†Paton, C. D.	LEE*	
Paton, I. M.	LEE from 1937	All from 1937
Patrick, C.	JAM* CAY	
Payne, C. W.	CAY*	C of JAM, TRI
†Pierce, A. D.	StV* xPS	BER, CAY, GRE
Pilkington, G. L.	GRE* to 1890	StC. C of Lee
Pratt, R. G.	StV	
Pritchett, G. C.	All xBrG, xBrH	
Proud, E. B.	D all	
Pullar, G. L.	StL: M	ANT, BAR, MON: M
Pywell, J. G.	ANT, BAR, StV & C & PS	
†Raymond, G. J.	C & Covers of BAH	C & Covers of all xBrG xTRI
Richards, J. A.	CAY	
†Ritchie, G. W. S.	BER* from 1953	BAH, BrG, BrH, CAY, DOM, JAM, LEE, StL, StV, TUR From 1953
Roberts, T. V.	ANT, DOM, GRE, StK, StL, TRI & TOB	
Robertson, K. J.	JAM	
Ryan, J.	JAM, T.R.D.'s & T.P.O.'s	
Samuel, Marcus	Spec. & Rev. stps. of all	
Sanders, Miss G. M.	ANT, BAR, DOM, GRE, JAM, MON, TRI	
Saunders, P. T.	DOM*	
†Seifert, Col. F. F.	JAM*	All* C & PS

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
†Shilstone, H. M. Jr.	BAR*	
†Simpkins, B. G.	CAY*	
Smith, C Hardeman	ANT, GRE, MON, StL, StV	
Smith, Lt.-Col. G. Saville	JAM	
Soutter, A.	JAM	
Spencer, Eric	BAR*	
Spreckley, A. E.	BAR*, StV*	
†Stitt, W. B.	BAH*, BER*, CAY*, JAM*	
Stokes, E. W.	CAY, GRE	
†Stone, R. G.	LEE & WIN Is., BAH	G.B. used abroad
†Strachan, T. J.	LEE*	BAH BER BrG. BrH
Sturridge, P. T.	JAM	
Sullivan, D. G.	BAH, BAR	
Surtees, V. N. F	JAM*	
Sutton, Col. T.	CAY	
Swarbrick, R. V.	JAM*	All xBrC, xBrH
Swetland, M. W.	BER, JAM	
Tansley, K	All: KEVII, U	
Taylor, J.	All P.B. issues & covers	
Taylor, Mrs. M. W.	GRE* to 1935	C of BrG
†Taylor, Mrs. P. K.		
Terry, W.	CAY	BER
†Thetford, Dr. N. D.	St.K, LEE, VIR	
Thompson, E. K.	D ANT, BAR	
Thompson, F. H.	JAM*	BER, BrH
†Thompson, J. N.	BER*	StV, MON
Titford, Rose		
Todd, J. D.		TUR
Toeg, E.V.	ANT*, LEE*, MONT*	
†Topaz, R	JAM*	All
†Towers, Dr. R. P.	GRE*	
Townsend, W. A.	BrG*	ANT, BAH, BAR, BER, GRE, StL, StV
†Tucker, Sir Henry J.	BER*	BrH* GRE, StV
Vann, W. C.	BAR & PH & C & PS	
Walsh, F.		
Ward, R.	BrG from 1953	C of all
Watson, W. K.	JAM*	NEV, StC, StK
Webb, E. L.	All	
†Weinberg, E. A.	LEE*	
Wells, R. W.	GRE*	DOM, StL, StV
Wheeler, L. S.	BAR	
Whilde, P. A.	BrG	
†Winbladh, B.	JAM (U)	
†Winter, N.	JAM	
†Zelt, L. E. Jr.	TUR* from 1901	All from 1953

3d.	13.75	4		Perf.	Perf.	1932?
	13.75	1-2	0-1	Perf.	Perf.	1934
	13.75		4	0-1	Perf.	1935?
4d.	13.75	3-5	2-5	2	Perf.	1932?
	13.75	Perf.	3	Perf.	3	1934
6d.	13.75 x14	4	0-1	3	Perf.	1930?
	13.75	3-5	3-5	2-3	Perf.	1934
1s.	13.75 x14	4-5	0-1	2-4	Perf.	1932?
	13.75	3	3	Perf.	2	1934

Although by no means complete, the above list may be of some help in dating marginal blocks and sheets. I would be glad to hear of any other perforation varieties.

*M. H. Ludington.*

## BRITISH HONDURAS

For quite a long time I have had a 2c. KE VII cancelled LOWRYS BIGHT in double ring, but it is

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not included in the list in Bulletin 32. Is there anything fishy about it ? I was reminded to ask by being offered another two days ago - not quite complete - two letters off stage - and a December date 12

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DEC.

**Agricultural Station.** The mark is Ag. Stat. S.C., which I imagined to mean Stann Creek, but that seems to fall foul of the Belize district testing.

**P.A.A. Office.** What do the initials stand for?

**Stann Creek Railway.** I can confirm the Railway part of the strike.

**Stann Creek Valley.** Referring to the note in No. 39, I have a registered front of 1940 with oval Stann Creek Valley cancellation and the boxed rubber registration mark of 20 miles Stann Creek, so that part of it is not new.

The 18¼ miles S/C Valley is a double ring c.d.s.: I have one dated Aug. 58

*F B. Lisle.*

## GRENADA

Will the member who has the Grenada Book in his possession please return it to Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown as soon as possible. - *Editor.*

## ST. CHRISTOPHER

In what order were the first 1d. printed or issued? The sideways C.C. watermarked printing may be the early one, followed by a pale normal rose upright, then a brighter colour with value in deeper colour, then the magenta, sometimes with pale value.

*Peter Jaffe.*

Mr. Toeg's notes in B.W.I. Study Circle Bulletin No, 40 suggest that invalidation of St. Christopher stamps for postal use possibly occurred on June 5, 1894. I have a registered cover showing the legitimate use of a St. Christopher during 1898. The cover is addressed to a party in Toronto, Canada, indicating that the following postal charges were necessary:

Letter rate, ½oz. or fraction - 2½d.

Registration - 2d.

Total- 4½d.

The cover is correctly franked with 1d. and 2½d. values of the first Leeward Islands Federal issue (S.G.2 and 3) and a St. Christopher 1d. on 2½d. surcharge of 1888 (S.G.28). All three stamps are tied to the cover with a St. Kitt's A12 duplex cancel dated NO 10 98. This date is further substantiated by a Halifax, N.S. CDS dated NO 30 98 which is struck on the reverse side.

The aforementioned dates would appear to extend the use of St. Christopher stamps until late 1898 - about 4 years beyond the date suggested by the notation on Mr. Toeg's cover. Since there is always the chance that a postal clerk overlooked (on purpose ? ?) the presence of a demonetized stamp, some additional confirming evidence would certainly be required to be sure this was not an isolated use.

I recently obtained a pair of Virgin Islands covers, each of which have a Roadtown, Tortola CDS corresponding to Type 6 in Mr. Toeg's recent articles. Both have the additional "A" described by Robert Topaz in Bulletin No. 40. The CDS on one cover has the "A" centred above the day designator. The second cover has two CDS with the year designator and "A" in reverse position as shown:

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JA 4

A

Also have a registered cover bearing a fairly clear strike of the Tortola, V.I. CDS, Type 16, dated JY 1318.

*Paul A. Larsen.*

## ST. KITTS

I recently acquired a St. Kitts stampless cover with a straight line "ST. KITTS" cancellation like Mr. L. E. Britnor's sub-type PD2 described in B.W.I. Study Circle Bulletin No. 17, except that this mark is  $27\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$  mm. instead of  $31 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$  mm. as given by him for that type. The letter is dated 7 September, 1785.

*William Britton Stitt.*

## ST. LUCIA

### St. Lucia Provisionals

There are one or two minor varieties on these stamps, about which I know nothing. Do they just occur at random or do they have a fixed place in the scheme of things?

#### 1. $\frac{1}{2}$ d.on 6d. S.G.54

(a) In a vertical pair, lower stamp without the fraction bar, the upper stamp has the serif straight across the upright of the d.

(b) In a horizontal pair the serif of the I on the right-hand stamp also goes across the upright.

#### 2. "One Half Penny on 3d. S.G. 56

(a) In one of my copies the 'A' in HALF is some half millimetre shorter than the other letters. I should be glad of any information.

*G. L. Pullar.*

## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

At the January meeting of the Trinidad Philatelic Society three stamps were shown with a modern cancellation which appears to be quite unknown in Trinidad. They are the 1c. (S.G.267), 2c. (S.G.270) and 1c. on 2c. (S.G.280). All apparently are off the same cover and each one bears an 'on the nose' circular datestamp "AIR MAIL GPO/TRINIDAD/ 20 DE 56" which is the date of issue of S.G.280. Mr. J. Fernandes, recently retired Postmaster General of Trinidad and Tobago, has stated that he has no knowledge of this postmark and has suggested that owing to the rush of Christmas mail at that time the post office clerks may have picked up and used any canceller that happened to be on hand. As the canceller was used for air mail for destinations abroad and may have been in use many years earlier without our knowledge I am appealing to members for information as to the existence of similar post marks with the dates.

*Harold E. Box.*

## 1885 The First Postage Due Issue

*(Concluded from Bulletin No. 40, Page 15)*

The principle of the new arrangement for bringing to account surcharge revenue was as follows: at whatever office in Trinidad the charge was raised, a surcharge stamp or stamps to the value of the unpaid charges were to be affixed to the cover of the postal article, and the stamps obliterated before the article was delivered to the addressee, or forwarded to another office. In the latter case the amount involved was to be entered on a special form. As unobliterated surcharge stamps represented cash in all balances, it followed that immediately the stamps had been cancelled, the surcharge had thereby been paid into the revenue. It only remained for the office holding such unpaid correspondence to collect the surcharge from the addressee on delivery.

If the sub-postmaster was unable to deliver any of the unpaid letters, they were to be returned at fixed intervals to the chief office and whatever sum they represented would be forwarded in exchange for them. Such letters, etc., were to be verified by the audit office and the sum represented would then be authorized to be written off. No doubt this procedure explains why Trinidad Postage Due Stamps may occasionally be found obliterated with the word "Cancelled," in various types both in black and in red, in addition to the normal date stamp.

The Postmaster General's report went on to explain that the public would be protected from fraud or error by being able to see that the sum they paid in surcharges was represented by the necessary surcharge stamps on the postal article handed to them. The revenue would be protected by the cancellation of the stamps and the impossibility of their being used a second time without detection.

It was also stated that surcharge stamps were not sold to the public.

As regards the actual production of the stamps, the De La Rue records show that on November 13, 1883, instructions were received to prepare a die and printing plates. The Colony's requisition was dated October 23, and the stamps were requested for January 1, 1884. They were described as surcharge stamps and it is noted that this was the first time stamps of this nature had featured in De La Rue's correspondence,

De La Rue sent the design and estimate, together with proofs of the surcharges for the different denominations, on the following day. In view of the simplicity of the design they quoted £30 for the die and plate, and £3 for each surcharge plate, the stamps being printed in two processes. There were nine surcharge plates and the quantities to be printed varied from 25 to 400 sheets of 60 multiples. The design and estimate were approved on November

15 by the Crown Agents and the order was invoiced on January 29, 1884. It is not clear why the issue of the stamps was delayed until January 1, 1885, but it may well have been that it was thought best to wait until the start of a new accounting period. The original request had been for January 1, 1883, but the stamps had not been despatched until after that date.

There are one or two imperfections in the surcharge plates of the lower values, but the 1s. presents features of much greater interest. A full account of these is to be found in *The Philatelist*, Vol. 17, No. 11 (August, 1951) and Vol. 19, No. 8 (May, 1953) - an additional note in a letter to the Editor. Generally speaking the main variation comes in the oblique stroke of the figure of value. Each of the six columns on the plate of 60 shows a different variety. In the fifth column the oblique stroke is much more upright and this presents the most noticeable variation from the other columns.

*John B. Marriott.*

## **TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS**

I have been interested in the Turks Islands articles and make the following comments:

1. SALT CAY datestamp in violet. I have this clearly dated 30 June 1957.
2. I have two Dominican Republic cut-outs bearing the TI canceller - one a 5c. stamp and the other a pair of 2c. and a 1c.

I haven't seen this recorded previously though possibly is well-known? I should be interested to know its history.

*A. J. Hillman.*

## **VIRGIN ISLES**

Looking over my own collection of the Virgins, while studying Mr. Toeg's articles (the two that I have!) I came across a copy of No. 47 (S.G.1, 6d.) St. Ursula and Lilies, issued in 1899, cancelled with a TORTOLA c.d.s. dated FE 28 95. It seems unlikely that anyone would fake a cancellation on a stamp that can be bought for less than \$1.50, so I presume this must be a postmaster's error. Can there be any other explanation.

*A. Ronald Hall.*

**Dr. R. H. URWICK**

By the death of Dr. Reginald Henry Urwick on February 24th - a few days before his 88th birthday - philately has lost another of the few remaining collectors of the 'old school.' One could say that he had an almost unique personality, particularly rare nowadays, inasmuch that he was not only a student of the highest order but a general collector of many countries and with it all as modest a man as one could ever hope to meet. He had a deep appreciation and understanding of the classics - his collection of Portugal was internationally known, in fact he was considered to be the foremost collector of Portugal outside Portugal and had made extensive researches on the embossed issue of that country and of Portugal used in the neighbouring islands, particularly Macau. He received a Gold Medal and Special Trophy in Lisbon and was also the proud owner of other international awards.

Dr. Urwick was always willing to lend parts of his collection for study by his fellow collectors and nothing pleased him more than for his friends to visit his charming home at Ford, near Shrewsbury, to see his stamps and chat about them. He had profound knowledge and collected nearly all the British West Indies countries and would delight his visitors by bringing out a volume or two containing such treasures as he had collected over a number of years or by showing a cover or item acquired during his recent purchases. Many members of our Circle have reason to remember Dr. Urwick with gratitude for allowing them access to his collections for research on their own collections, as although he himself admitted he was never fond in later years of putting pen to paper by contributing articles he encouraged others in their writings, and many of his covers have helped to prove the existence of early dates or printings.

He had been a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, for a great many years, a Founder Vice-President of the British West Indies Study Circle, and was a President of the Shrewsbury Philatelic Society for a number of years. In 1962 his name was added to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, a worthy climax to his achievements as a life-long philatelist.

In his private life Dr. Urwick had a long and distinguished career in medicine and was Medical Officer to Shrewsbury School, honorary physician to the Royal Salop Infirmary and the Orthopaedic Hospital. For many years he afforded great service to the town and district as Chairman of the Shrewsbury



and Atcham Joint Hospital Board. He became Mayor of Shrewsbury in 1946, and an alderman in 1954, finally retiring in 1961.

The British West Indies Study Circle was represented at his funeral by Mr. Arthur E. Beach, a close friend and fellow student of the stamps and postal history of Tobago.

To Mrs. Thirza Urwick, who shared her husband's pleasure in welcoming his many friends to "Five Acres," are expressed sincere sympathies on behalf of the Circle in her great loss, and the loss also to philately of a very distinguished and charming gentleman.

*Rose Titford.*

## MISCELLANEA

### PUBLICATIONS

The following papers have been published by the Circle and copies are still available from the Hon. Sec.

No. 1 AN INTRODUCTION TO THE POSTAL HISTORY OF THE BRITISH WEST INDIES, by L. E. Britnor, 1959. Price 10s. 0d. (Canada and U.S.A. \$1.50) post free.

No. 2 THE POSTAL MARKINGS OF BARBADOS, by Basil B. Benwell and L. E. Britnor, 1961. Price 12s. 6d. (Canada and U.S.A. \$1.75) post free.

SUPPLEMENT No. 1 to Paper No. 2, Price 4s. (Canada and U.S.A. 75c.) post free.

No. 3 THE PHILATELIC HISTORY OF TRINIDAD TO 1862, by John B. Marriott, F.R.P.S.L., 1963. Price 20s. (Canada and U.S.A. \$3.75), post free.

No. 4 MONTSERRAT - in course of preparation.

Back numbers of the Bulletin 8 to 40 are also available price 4s. each, post free. Nos. 1 to 7 are out of print but photo copies may be had on request. Details of cost on application stating numbers required.

## HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

DEAR MEMBER,

As you are aware I have moved to the West Country and you will, I know, appreciate that it takes quite some time to get back to normal. In the circumstances I must confine myself to referring to our Tenth Anniversary Dinner which took place on April 18th last. Once again we were most fortunate in the choice of our principal guest - Sir Alan Burns - who gave us a delightfully informative and witty speech concerning his many experiences whilst holding a number of important posts in the Caribbean. It was also a memorable evening for me personally, in my being presented with a cheque to which many members subscribed, in recognition of my ten years' work since founding our Circle. Much as I would like to write to each one who contributed my time is now so fully occupied that I trust I may be allowed to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for their kind generosity. May I say that conducting the Circle's affairs not only affords me the utmost pleasure but has also resulted in my making new friends, many of whom I have had the pleasure of meeting personally and others through correspondence. Once again it gives me great pleasure to congratulate on behalf of the Circle our youngest member, Master Andrew Gibson, on being awarded the first prize in Class D of the Melville Memorial Junior Competition, his subject being "Birds." The following new members have joined us since our last issue and a warm welcome is extended to them on your behalf: D. W. Boydell (Lanes.), R. Jones (Australia) and O. K. Eden (U.S.A.).

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